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IMPORTANT AND COMMONLY AGREED ELEMENT AMONG MANY NEUTRALS  
INCLUDING [ ] HE SAID [ ] HAD STRONGLY URGED  
ZORIN TO AGREE TO POLITICAL NEUTRALIZATION OF CUBA, DEVELOPMENT  
WHICH THEY WERE TRYING PERSUADE RUSSIANS WOULD BE ALSO IN  
SOV INTEREST SINCE IT WOULD AVOID OVEREXTENSION OF SOV  
RESOURCES AND WOULD CONVINCE NEUTRALS THAT SOVIET UNION REALLY  
WANTED CO-EXIST. [ ] SAID AS RESULT SOV REACTION HERE HAS  
BEEN BITTER AGAINST [ ] MISSION OFFICER NOTED THAT SOVS  
SEEMED TO BE SOMEWHAT AT LOSS ABOUT WHAT LINE TO TAKE IN  
CORRIDOR. [ ] SAID HIS DEL HAD NOTED WITH CONCERN THAT  
FOR LAST FEW DAYS MEMBERS OF SOV DEL HAD BEEN SPREADING GLOOM  
AND DOOM. ONLY THIS AFTERNOON WHEN TEXT OF KHRUSHCHEV LETTER  
TO LORD RUSSELL ARRIVED DID SOV DEL BEGIN SOUND MORE SANGUINE  
NOTE. (SOVS HAVE GIVEN CIRCULATION IN CORRIDORS TO KHRUSHCHEV  
LETTER TO LORD RUSSELL.)

5. TONIGHT FOL SC ADJOURNMENT [ ] REMARKED IN ANSWER  
OUR QUESTION THAT SYG'S APPEAL, WHILE FAR FROM PERFECT, SEEMED  
IN GENERAL TO BE STATESMANLIKE APPROACH AND ONE WHICH COULD  
"GIVE WAY OUT." [ ]

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